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Friday and Saturday, December 22, 23
LASH LARUE in
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Bomba In The Lost Volcano

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26
ESTHER WILLIAMS and VAN JOHNSON in
The Duchess of Idaho

Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27, 28
WILLIAM HOLDEN and NANCY OLSON in
Union Station

GNOMES AT WORK . . . Three little gnomes diligently prepare for Christmas under the watchful eye of Santa Claus in his workshop at Santa Claus, Indiana. They are building, waxing and polishing toys to go into Santa's pack on Christmas eve.

Danger of Fire Is Greatly Enhanced By Christmas Tree

THE AVERAGE CHRISTMAS tree can go up in smoke in only two minutes. That doesn't leave much time for the fire department to get there.

A live tree with roots packed in a bucket of earth is the safest. Be sure and keep the dirt moistened. A small tree is safer than a large one and festive trimmings can make up what it lacks in size.

Keep the tree outdoors until you are ready to get it up inside. When you bring it in, keep it in the coolest part of the house with the radiator nearest it turned off.

Use noninflammable aluminum foil—not cotton or paper—to conceal container in which tree is "planted." Use noninflammable trimmings on the tree.

Don't use lighted candles. (This may seem an unnecessary precaution in this day of electric lights, but lighted candles contribute to tragic fires every year.)

Check the wiring for the tree to see that it's not frayed and is in perfect condition. The switch for turning off and on electric lights should be at some distance from the tree. Don't plug or unplug lights beneath the tree.

Don't leave tree lights on when it isn't necessary and especially when the family is away from home. From time to time, check over the tree and see if needles near the lights are turning brown. If they have, move the lights.

Watch the calendar. New Year's is the day for the tree to go down. If you should extend the time, don't leave the lights on the tree for more than a half hour at a time.

IN 1937, a Waukegan, Ill., minister and the residents of one city block decided to do something about the disposal of the family Christmas tree. Nothing is more forlorn than worn out Christmas trees. They deserve better fates than being dumped in alleys and vacant lots; and they constitute fire hazards on back porches and in basement areaways.

So, Waukegan held its first annual Twelfth Night observances,

committing the trees to a community bonfire amid the chorusing of carols.

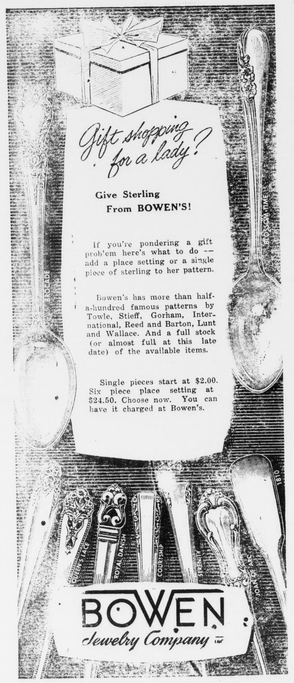
And the custom has waxed. Residents of several communities, choruses, soloists, etc., participating as the spirits of the Christmas trees are dispatched to some fir Valhalla to return to bless a future Yuletide.

Legends Associate Mule, Gentle Camel of Jesus With Gift-Giving Custom

Syrian legends have associated the Magic Mule and the Gentle Camel of Jesus with gift-giving, for reasons that are at once different, and yet similar in their association with the Christ Child.

It seems a certain traveler tied his mule to a tree when he went into an inn for refreshment on Epiphany Eve. Just at midnight, when the boughs of the tree bowed down in homage to the Holy Infant, the mule was caught up on the rebound and found cradled high up in the branches by its returning master.

The youngest camel of the three ridden by the Wise Men was exhausted by the pressing journey and was blessed with immortality by the baby Jesus as it lay moaning near the Nativity scene.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LYNCHBURG FARMVILLE

Rocks

Rocks, Dec. 18.- Butchering hogs and Christmas preparation seem to be in full swing in this community.

Schools will close tomorrow for the Christmas holidays.

Quite a few of the farmers were on the tobacco market selling tobacco last week. The prices were satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh called to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh one afternoon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne, of Williamsburg stopped by to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder, last week on their way to Huddleston to attend the funeral of Mr. Payne's father there. Deepest sympathy is extended them.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond received word from Madison Heights last week that a daughter was born to their son, Edward and his wife, June, at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Toby Inge and Mrs. D. R. Inge were at the cannery at Appomattox last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson of Brookneal were in the neighborhood Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jones and children, of Newport News were visiting for the Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh over the week-end.

Quite a few from here were in Lynchburg and Farmville last week.

The Christmas Play and treat for the Sunday School members and everyone present will be held Sunday afternoon, December 24, at 7:30 at the Rocks Church. The public is invited.

The community was shocked to hear of the death of John R. Marshall, of Hixburg, Monday. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and daughter.

Mrs. Percy Carter had some of her relatives to visit her a few days last week.

Egg prices in Richmond drop.

Pamplin RFD 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. One, Dec. 20.- Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bryant visited relatives in Richmond Sunday.

Miss Margaret Richardson spent Saturday in Farmville.

Cpl. Hart Baldwin, of Fort Lee spent the week-end at his home here.

The Young People of Piney Ridge will present a Candle Light Service at the Church on Monday night, December 25, at 7 o'clock. The public is invited.

Mrs. Ed Baldwin spent Monday in Lynchburg.

Misses Virginia and Margaret Richardson, Hannah Hipps, Deane Roberts and Mark Hipps were supper guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Arrington.

Mrs. Mary Sizemore is visiting relatives in Farmville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baldwin and daughter, Evelyn spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Miss Ruth Arrington, of Farmville spent the week-end at her home here.

Mr and Mrs. Vester Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ransom were Saturday in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Baldwin and children, Micky and Barbara left Wednesday for Wisconsin to spend Christmas with their son, Robert, who will leave shortly for service in the armed forces.

Miss Naomi Meadows, of Lynchburg was home for the week-end.

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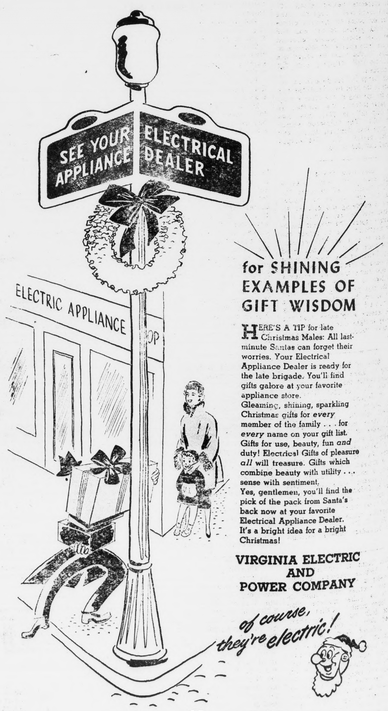

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Something for Love

Lesson for December 24, 1950

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-20; Philippians 4:4-7.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 25:31-46.

THIS is a true story but it also is a parable for Christmas.

Once upon a time there lived a lady who had everything. As Christmas time came on,

Dr. Foreman

her many friends racked their brains to think what they could give her. It would have been absurd to send her a check, for though she was not rich she did not really need money. There was nothing to speak of that she seemed to need for her house, for she had lived in one place for some time and she had collected about all the furniture and bric-a-brac that her house would hold. There was not much use in giving her something like candy because she was on a diet and could not eat fancy foods. She had more pictures than she could hang at one time, and as for books, she had a taste above best-sellers and what she could not get from the public library she could buy for herself.

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A Lovable Person

HOWEVER, her friends were determined to give her something, for she was a lovable person; so when Christmas time came her table was piled with gay parcels from near and far. Some of the gifts may have been expensive and some not, but all were beautiful.

So she appreciated them, but because she could have bought any of them herself, she did not appreciate any of them quite so much as she did one present that when Christmas morning came could not be seen at all. One could not call it a beautiful present to look at; indeed it was seen only once. But the memory of it lingered for a long time.

This lady had a cook. She was not a very good cook when first she went to work, because she was young and no one had trained her, and she did not like to be trained. She was suspicious of any one who tried to show her how to do anything, and she bore a grudge against any one who had more in this world than she had. But the lady was patient, and the girl learned about a home from her; indeed the most and the best she learned was not about cooking at all, as you shall see.

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The Invisible Gift

ON the day before Christmas the girl went home early to spend the day with her family. But before dark on Christmas day, in the same hour the kitchen stove went out of order and visitors came to spend the night, and the lady fell ill. Not knowing what to do, she called up the girl, Christmas though it was, and asked her if she could come back and help out for a few hours to get things straight.

So the girl came and made the stove behave and cooked a meal and took care of her friend and made everything as it should be on that day. When it was late and time to go, the lady offered the girl more than her usual pay. But the girl would not take even one coin. She said to her friend: "I like to do something for love."

So when the presents lay opened, on the very top of the pile, visible to the inward eye alone, were the hours of work given because the giver wanted to do something for love.

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The True Gift

GIFTS that are sold in the stores, gifts that crowd the post offices, carloads of gifts that pass each other in the night on roaring wheels, the little gifts and the great: which of these are given for love?

Some are sent to return a favor; some because it is the thing to be done; some are sent out of old habit, or in hope of favors to come.

It can never be seen, for it cannot be sold in the stores and the post office does not know the rates on it. It comes silently, and sometimes only the giver and God know about it, and the one who receives it does not suspect. But it shines above all the tinsel and the stars upon the Christmas tree; when the lights are out it glows in the dark. It keeps the night bright for the lonely heart. It is the something done for love.

Gems—everything but that.

That is what Christmas means. On the first Christmas Eve, Mary the blessed Mother, was in pain, but it was pain borne in love. You could not have paid her for it. Yes, and the Child that lay in the manger that night was there because God wanted to do something—for love.

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Shortages Predicted

A tightening of supplies for all household equipment, with price changes upward but varying with individual items, is predicted for 1951.

Economists at V. P. I., who have recently compiled their 1951 "outlook" information for farm families, say also that another group of commodities, including sheets, linins, rugs, towels, and upholstered furniture, will be more in demand—but shorter in supply. Production of furnishings for civilian use will be cut substantially below current rates in the early part of 1951.

Supplies of certain types of clothing and textiles may be relatively short during the year, when higher purchasing power is diverted to these products. Therefore further increases in clothing prices at the retail level are likely.

The tight supply situation for several building materials is likely to continue until the seasonal downturn in building activity.

Additional hospital facilities in Virginia's rural areas are expected during 1951, but mainly in the wealthier sections.

A recent study in Virginia showed that in 19 counties there were 5,000 to 10,000 people per doctor, and in 6 counties there were over 10,000 people per doctor. Lack of adequate facilities discourages medical personnel from going into certain areas, and also retards the work of those already there.

The economists say one answer to the problem undoubtedly lies in encouraging youth reared in the country to enter the medical profession.

Ambassador Kirk will return to Moscow.

Profits tax legislation gets priority in the Senate.

Traffic toll in Virginia nears new high mark for year.

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